

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAX POLICY

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

9:00 A.M.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (14/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Newell, Palmer, Zelenko. (3/17)

Representative Jones moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Hoogendyk** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2006 meeting.

Representative Drolet supported the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 5541** and **HB 5761** before the committee.

HB 5541	Gosselin	Property tax; exemptions; real and personal property of fraternal and veterans organizations; exempt.
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HB 5761	Jones	Businesses; nonprofit corporations; Masonic associations; exempt property used for Masonic purposes from property tax.
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Chuck Hadden, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761** but did not wish to speak.

Jamie Callahan, representing Senator Jason Allen, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5541** and **HB 5761** but did not wish to speak.

Mickey Knight, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761** but did not wish to speak.

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761** but did not wish to speak.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761** but did not wish to speak.

Summer Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761** but did not wish to speak.

Paul Tarr, representing the Michigan Grand Lodge, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5761** but did not wish to speak.

Walt Wheeler, representing the Michigan Grand Lodge, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5761** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Jones moved to adopt the **(H-3)** substitute to **HB 5541**. **Representative Drolet** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Mayes. (13/17)

NAYS: Rep. Bennett. (1/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Paul Quinn, representing the Michigan Elks, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5541**.

Barbara Haske, representing the Elks Lodge, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5541**.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 5541** as an **(H-3)** substitute, with recommendation. **Representative Jones** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Meisner. (9/17)

NAYS: Rep. Bennett. (1/17)

PASS: Reps. Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Mayes. (4/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Jones moved to adopt the **(H-1)** substitute to **HB 5761**. **Representative Gosselin** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (14/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Jones moved to report **HB 5761** as an **(H-1)** substitute, with recommendation. **Representative Stakoe** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Miller, Meisner, Bennett. (12/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: Reps. Farrah, Mayes. (2/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:40 a.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070